

**CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 119(JUD)**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

**BY THE SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE**

**Offered: 2/15/22**

**Referred: State Affairs**

**Sponsor(s): SENATORS REINBOLD, Myers**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act relating to oaths of office; and requiring public officers to read the state**  
2 **constitution and the United States Constitution."**

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4 **\* Section 1.** AS 14.12.090 is amended to read:

5 **Sec. 14.12.090. Oath.** School board members, before taking office, shall **read**  
6 **the Constitution of the State of Alaska and the Constitution of the United States**  
7 **and** take and sign the following oath or affirmation: "I do solemnly swear (or affirm)  
8 that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States and the  
9 Constitution of the State of Alaska and that I will honestly, faithfully, and impartially  
10 discharge my duties as a school board member to the best of my ability."

11 **\* Sec. 2.** AS 18.65.010(c) is amended to read:

12 (c) Each special officer shall carry identification issued by the commissioner  
13 of public safety and shall carry firearms in the manner the commissioner of public  
14 safety requires. Each person appointed shall, **after reading the Constitution of the**

1        **State of Alaska and the Constitution of the United States**, take the constitutional  
 2        oath of office. Persons appointed may hold other public or private employment.

3        \* **Sec. 3.** AS 22.05.090 is amended to read:

4                **Sec. 22.05.090. Oath of office.** Each supreme court justice, upon entering  
 5        office, shall, **after reading the Constitution of the State of Alaska and the**  
 6        **Constitution of the United States**, take and subscribe to an oath of office required of  
 7        all officers under the constitution and any further oath or affirmation that may be  
 8        prescribed by law.

9        \* **Sec. 4.** AS 22.07.050 is amended to read:

10               **Sec. 22.07.050. Oath of office.** Each judge of the court of appeals, upon  
 11        entering office, shall, **after reading the Constitution of the State of Alaska and the**  
 12        **Constitution of the United States**, take and subscribe to the oath or affirmation of  
 13        office required of all officers under the constitution.

14        \* **Sec. 5.** AS 22.10.110 is amended to read:

15               **Sec. 22.10.110. Oath of office.** Each superior court judge, upon entering  
 16        office, shall, **after reading the Constitution of the State of Alaska and the**  
 17        **Constitution of the United States**, take and subscribe to an oath of office required of  
 18        all officers under the constitution and any further oath or affirmation as may be  
 19        prescribed by law.

20        \* **Sec. 6.** AS 22.15.180 is amended to read:

21               **Sec. 22.15.180. Oath of office.** Each district judge and magistrate, upon  
 22        entering office, shall, **after reading the Constitution of the State of Alaska and the**  
 23        **Constitution of the United States**, take and subscribe to an oath of office required of  
 24        all officers under the constitution and any further oath or affirmation that may be  
 25        prescribed by law.

26        \* **Sec. 7.** AS 24.05.060 is amended to read:

27               **Sec. 24.05.060. Disqualifications.** A person is not qualified for membership in  
 28        the legislature who is disqualified to hold public office under the provisions of art.  
 29        XII, sec. 4, Constitution of the State of Alaska, and as it may be implemented by law.  
 30        Each member of the legislature, before entering upon the duties of the office, shall,  
 31        **after reading the Constitution of the State of Alaska and the Constitution of the**

1        **United States**, take the oath of office prescribed in art. XII, sec. 5, Constitution of the  
 2        State of Alaska, and such further oath or affirmation prescribed by law for members of  
 3        the legislature or other officers of the state.

4        \* **Sec. 8.** AS 29.20.600 is amended to read:

5                **Sec. 29.20.600. Oaths of office.** Before taking office a municipal official shall,  
 6        **after reading the Constitution of the State of Alaska and the Constitution of the**  
 7        **United States**, affirm in writing that the duties of the office will be honestly,  
 8        faithfully, and impartially performed by the official. The oath is filed with the  
 9        municipal clerk.

10       \* **Sec. 9.** AS 39.05.040 is amended to read:

11               **Sec. 39.05.040. Oaths for executive officers, boards.** The principal executive  
 12       officer of each department and the member of each board within the state government  
 13       shall, **after reading the Constitution of the State of Alaska and the Constitution of**  
 14       **the United States**, take, sign, and file the oath of office required by the constitution  
 15       before entering upon the duties of office.

16       \* **Sec. 10.** AS 39.05.045 is amended to read:

17               **Sec. 39.05.045. Oaths for other employees.** A public officer or employee of  
 18       the state, before entering upon the duties of office, shall **read the Constitution of the**  
 19       **State of Alaska and the Constitution of the United States and** take and sign the  
 20       following oath or affirmation: "I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and  
 21       defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of  
 22       Alaska, and that I will faithfully discharge my duties as . . . . . to the best  
 23       of my ability."